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QDR:

People, QOL remain top priority to CNO

"Professional opportunity and quality of life will remain top priorities." That's the key point Adm. Jay L. Johnson, Chief of Naval Operations, wants to make clear to Navy men and women as senior leaders wrap up the current review of defense requirements.

In a message to Navy leadership about the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), Adm. Johnson emphasized the Navy's primary focus will remain squarely on taking care of Sailors. This Congressionally-mandated defense review, which is to be released in May, will likely signal the Navy is in store for some changes.

"Change may come, but it will be carefully managed and phased over a number of years," the CNO stated in his recent message. "We have the tools to manage change carefully so that we continue to retain our best. We remain committed to our career force. The Navy of the 21st century will be slightly leaner and more capable. We will employ new technologies



and continue to rely on top quality Navy men and women."

This was echoed by the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy. "The professional career Sailor who joined the Navy anticipating a fulfilling experience will continue to have ample opportunity to succeed," said ETCM(SW) John Hagan.

"The single most important element in the success of our naval forces is the Sailor on duty, the Sailor at sea, the Sailor who serves unselfishly under the harshest conditions away from the comfort of home and family," Hagan continued. "Our efforts on behalf of our Sailors and their families continue to be the number one priority,

from the Bridge to the Pentagon."

Adm. Johnson cautioned all leaders in command that there will be speculation and rumors about the QDR. He emphasized that the Navy will only make changes that "make us a better Navy."

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JFK Carrier Battle Group deployed

NORFOLK (NNS) — More than 10,000 Sailors and Marines sailed from their home ports and bases April 29 for a six-month overseas deployment as the USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV 67) Battle Group (CVBG) and the USS *Kearsarge* (LHD 3) Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

The JFK Battle Group includes the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy, with Commander Carrier Group 2, Commander Carrier Air Wing 8 and eight aircraft squadrons embarked, three guided missile cruisers, two destroyers, a frigate, a fast combat support ship and two attack submarines. They will relieve the USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71) CVBG, which has been operating in the Mediterranean Sea, Adriatic Sea, Red Sea and Persian Gulf since November.

The amphibious assault ship *Kearsarge*, with nearly 3,000 Sailors

and Marines aboard, left port two weeks early, on April 15, to relieve USS *Nassau* (LHA 4) off the west African coast. The other two ships in the *Kearsarge* ARG, USS *Ponce* (LPD 15) and USS *Carter*

Hall (LSD 50), departed Norfolk on schedule with the JFK CVBG April 29 and will relieve the two other ships of the *Nassau* ARG in the Mediterranean

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Clark returns from counter-drug ops

NORFOLK (NNS) — USS *Clark* (FFG 11) returned to Norfolk April 25 after completing a three-and-a-half deployment to the Caribbean conducting counter-drug operations in support of Joint Interagency Task Force, East.

The 150-person crew of *Clark*, supported by Selected Reservists and law enforcement personnel from the U.S. Coast Guard, performed detection, monitoring and boarding operations on vessels suspected of smuggling illegal drugs or immigrants. Teams from *Clark* boarded 20 vessels, one of which

was carrying more than 1,100 pounds of cocaine and they interdicted a migrant smuggling operation during the deployment.

The guided missile frigate also conducted exercises with the Dutch navy to help strengthen the relationships among the navies in the Caribbean.

Crew members completed community relations projects in Haiti and Trinidad that included renovating orphanages. The ships also visited Caracas and Aruba.

With or without dependents

Sailors may keep BAQ/VHA

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) recently announced a change in policy to correct an inequality between Sailors with and without dependents.

As long as Sailors without dependents retain private quarters, they will now be permitted to continue receiving BAQ/VHA or OHA when executing a close proximity PCS move. Sailors without dependents will be permitted to

continue receiving BAQ/VHA or OHA when on TEMDUINS over 30 days under this circumstance.

The change, which was a result of input from the fleet and MCPON's Senior Leadership Forum, became effective 30 April 1997.

Eligibility criteria, amplifying examples and additional information are available in NAVADMIN 102/97.

CNP emphasizes stability for career Sailors

WASHINGTON (NNS)—The Chief of Naval Personnel, VADM Dan Oliver, said one way to keep faith with career Sailors during the end of the post Cold war drawdown is to provide as much choice and stability as possible.

"We want to give Sailors two things to the best of our ability. One of them is choice - give them as many choices as we can in making their life decisions, and the other is to provide as much stability as possible, so when they make these choices they don't worry about the Navy changing its policies or programs."

Oliver said the Navy's Homebasing Concept and closely watching Sea-Shore

rotation were two primary ways to honor this commitment.

"Our people are working very hard and we have no intention of working them any harder," he said. "Sea-Shore rotation is about as extreme as we want it. We're committed to not making sea-shore rotation any higher on the sea side."

The CNP also reiterated his strong support for homebasing by stating that increased stability offered by

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Disestablishment of the Chief Warrant Officer photographer designation.

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25th National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) conference.

Status of the Navy

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Personnel: 397,884 active duty; 233,892 Ready Reserves; 97,116 SELRES; 136,776 IRR; 211,118 civilians

Aircraft: 4,754

Ships: 350

Underway: 166 ships (47%)

Deployed: 108 ships (31%)

Personnel Deployed: 57,994

Exercises: 6

Port Visits: 13

SSNs at Sea: 45 (62%)

Carriers/Air Wings at Sea:

USS *Constellation*/CVW-: transit, Coral Sea

USS *Theodore Roosevelt*/CVW-3: ops, Mediterranean Sea

USS *Independence*: port visit, Port visit, Port Kelang, Malaysia

USS *Nimitz*: COMPTUEX 97-2, eastern Pacific

USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower*: local ops, western Atlantic

USS *George Washington*: local ops, western Atlantic

LHAs/LHDs/LPHs at Sea:

USS *Boxer*: transit, South China Sea

USS *Kearsarge*/22nd MEU: transit, mid Atlantic

USS *Nassau*/26th MEU: Guardian Retrieval, Gulf of Guinea

USS *Belleau Woods*: ops, East China Sea

USS *New Orleans*: transit, Mid Pacific

USS *Inchon*: Blue Harrier 97, North Sea

Ships Assigned to Middle East Force: USS *Nicholson*, USS *Halyburton*, USS *Paul Hamilton*, USS *Leftwich*, USS *Fletcher*, USS *Ardent*, USS *Dextrous*

Other Exercises/Operations:

Operation Southern Watch,

Operation Silver Wake

Counter-Drug Operations

Maritime Interception Operations

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CNP and QDR

Maintaining Sea-Shore rotation is BUPERS top priority

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Chief of Naval Personnel VADM Dan Oliver said any potential personnel cuts stemming from the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) will likely be relatively small and manageable compared with the still ongoing post-cold war drawdown.

The QDR's recommendation is due to Congress on 15 May.

"If the QDR does, in fact, reduce the size of the Navy, my guess is we won't see the same size reduction that we experienced during the past Cold War drawdown. We will have time to

make these changes, and reductions will be gradual compared with the past 4-5 years."

Oliver said balancing Sea-Shore rotation would remain a top priority. "The QDR may bring down sea as well as shore billets, and if that happens we won't have a Sea-Shore rotation problem. We're also doing 'smart ship' and any reductions achieved by this initiative may allow us to reduce additional sea billets. We'll continue to watch Sea-Shore rotation to ensure any decisions made do not adversely impact our sea-going Sailors."

The most important thing to remember, Oliver said, is that any potential reductions would take place over time, giving Navy leadership the opportunity to carefully control each step in the process.

Emphasizing that Navy leadership is fully committed to keeping faith with its people, he said, "The CNO factors people into every decision he makes. We know how hard Sailors are working and we won't ask people to do more with less. Quality of life and professional opportunity will remain top priorities."

CNP meets the fleet to keep information flowing

by JOC Kaylee Eger

As part of his continuing efforts to meet with fleet personnel, VADM Daniel Oliver, Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP), held all hands calls during his recent visits to NAS Cecil Field

and NavSta Mayport, Fla., and Subase King's Bay, Ga. Several hundred Sailors and officers attended the presentations which were followed by question/answer sessions.

The CNP said he realized the best

way to ensure new initiatives and policies designed to help Sailors are working is to visit the fleet and ask for feedback.

Several questions were asked by concerned Sailors regarding advancements, sea time, recruit training and retirement pay benefits. CNP assured his audiences that these issues were top priorities for the CNO.

"In Washington, we pursue policies we think are in everyone's best interest. I want to obtain feedback and ensure these policies have the intended effect on the individual Sailor," Oliver said.

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"With or without the QDR, we would still be looking to make some changes," he added. The CNO believes QDR as been a timely opportunity for the Navy to explore alternatives and new technologies and set the course to shape a leaner, more capable and better Navy for the 21st century."

One of the biggest factors leading to change is the need for renewed emphasis on future modernization. For years the Navy has funded operations, maintenance and manpower requirements by drawing on funds for modernization and procurement. While he continues to focus on people and readiness, Adm. Johnson said the service needs to rebalance its accounts and better stabilize the force.

Adm. Johnson noted that there are five main variables in the equation: people/quality of life, readiness, modernization, force structure and infrastructure. "If we keep the first two

constant, and we want to increase the third (modernization), we must reduce force structure and/or infrastructure."

According to the CNO, the Navy needs to maintain current capability and readiness in the near-term while selectively increasing modernization in the longer-term. This will help the service address potential future threats and build the Navy of tomorrow. Adm. Johnson sees the Navy harnessing new technologies and doing things more efficiently as two ways of achieving change without adversely affecting the Navy's most important asset — its people.

"The Navy/Marine Corps Team will continue to be the force of choice for the 21st century," says the CNO. "Concern for our people and their families will continue to be embedded in every decision we make. I am committed to supporting all Sailors and keeping our Navy properly manned, trained and equipped as we go forward."

CNP: Stability important

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homebasing is necessary today with more Sailors having families and working spouses.

"Homebasing is a good concept," Oliver said. "It is a long term process and will take time to see its full effect, but the good news is that we've had an immediate cultural change, in that homebasing is no longer a negative term. Today the detailers are encouraging people to do back-to-back tours in the same geographical location and we're trying hard to provide choice and stability for our career force."

BUMED documents now on CD-ROM

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) regulations and directives are now available on CD-ROM.

The BUMED Directives CD-ROM is being distributed to all ships and stations with medical department personnel assigned. Instead of a shelf with 20 manuals, Navy medical personnel can carry the same amount of information in their hand.

The BUMED Directive's CD-ROM has information ranging from BUMED instructions to the Radiation Health Protection Manual to the Manual of Naval Preventive

Medicine.

Putting BUMED's directives on CD offers many advantages.

"They're easy to store and easy to distribute, and are also durable. Each copy you print off is an original, so it will be clear, not like a copy that has been repeatedly copied," said Laura Frantz, head of BUMED's regulations and directives branch.

For more information about BUMED's directives on CD-ROM, call the regulations and directives branch at (202) 762-3250.

Latest REGA and CREO listings

story by JO3 Brenda Granberry

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Bureau of Naval Personnel recently published NAVADMIN 095/97 which provides rating availability for non-designated strikers, advancement forecasts, CREO rating classifications and critical skills lists.

Career Sailors who are considering a change of rating and are concerned about career advancement in their present rating should review the CREO categories to determine the best opportunities. Conversions will only be considered when a Sailor is attempting to leave a rating that is in CREO 2 or 3 and enter a CREO 1 rating.

This version of CREO/REGA has eliminated separate categories for male and female Sailors. First-term and career Sailors now reflect a single category for manning classifications and several rates have merged or will merge in the near future.

First term Sailors are encouraged to carefully review the information in the NAVADMIN before making a rating entry decision. Further, it is re-commended that Sailors review their plans with local career counselors to ensure all requirements and qualifications are met.

Additional details are available in NAVADMIN 095/97 or at your local career counselor's office.

New surface award rewards fitness

by Jan Davis, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The green "H" isn't a new super hero. It's an award that recognizes the healthiest units in the Atlantic and Pacific surface fleets.

To enhance battle readiness by promoting health and fitness in the Atlantic and Pacific Fleet surface forces, the two are co-sponsoring an annual Wellness Unit Award. Winners will signify their success by painting a green "H" for health on their bridge wing alongside other battle "E" competition departmental awards.

Commands qualify for the "H" by the fitness of their Sailors and the health promotion activities they par-

ticipate in, such as tobacco cessation, weight control, pregnancy awareness, injury prevention, and anger and stress management.

"If a ship meets or exceeds all the standards, then they can earn a green 'H,'" said Master Chief Hospital Corpsman Antonio C. Abad, with the Fleet Surgeon's office at Surface Force Pacific Fleet. "I'd feel like the green 'H' (award) would be an outstanding success if I could walk down the pier and see every ship there with a green 'H.'"

The Pacific Surface Force will award its first "H" in June 1997. The Atlantic Surface Force will present its first awards in 1998.

COMNAVSURFLANT Instruction 6100.2 and COMNAVSURFPAC Instruction 6100.1 have more details.

CWO Photo changes to LDO Imaging Management

by LT Pamela Kunze, BUPERS Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) recently announced the disestablishment of the Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) designator for photography (747X).

Significant technology improvements in photography have eliminated the requirement for continuation of the CWO photographer's designation.

Consequently, BUPERS can no longer accept accession applications for the 747X designator. Additionally, billets currently designated as CWO (747X) will be redesignated as LDO Imaging Management (647X).

CWO's currently holding the 747X designation are encouraged to apply for LDO (647X) provided all eligibility requirements are met.

CWO's presently designated as photographers will continue to be assigned in challenging imaging/photographer billets. They will be allowed to complete full and productive careers consistent with normal CWO promotion selection processes.

Additional information is available in NAVADMIN 100/97, or by contacting the BUPERS points of contact, CDR Jerry Hart, the LDO/CWO community manager, at commercial (703)693-2309 or (DSN 223) or LCDR Rob Fiegl at commercial (703)614-4596 or (DSN 224).

Atlantic Fleet selects Sea, Shore Sailors of the Year

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (NNS) — ADM J. Paul Reason, Commander in Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet, named Petty Officer 1st Class Robert W. Betts the 1997 Sea Sailor of the Year; and Petty Officer 1st Class Leander Jerome Sackey as the fleet's top Shore Sailor for 1997 during a banquet at the Prime Osborn Convention Center in downtown Jacksonville, Fla., April 24.

Although only two candidates were selected Reason said, "This award honors all nine of these exceptional Sailors. Each (of them) should be very proud because they represent the best the fleet has to offer."

Betts will be meritoriously advanced to chief petty officer and serve with the Atlantic Fleet Master Chief for a two-year tour of duty. He will also travel throughout the fleet, serving as a role model for Sailors.

Sackey will go on to compete against the top shore Sailors from Pacific Fleet, Naval Forces Europe and Vice Chief of Naval Operations for the Navywide honor. That winner will also be meritoriously promoted and will serve a tour of duty as a special assistant to the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy in Washington, D.C.

Betts, a native of Amsterdam, N.Y., joined the Navy in 1986. His first Navy assignments were at the Naval Aircrew Candidate School and Rescue Swimmer School in Pensacola, Fla.; and Aviation Systems Warfare Operator "A" School at the Naval Aviation Technician Center, Millington, Tenn. He ranked first in his class and was selected for accelerated advancement to petty officer third class. From "A" school, Betts reported to Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 1 in Jacksonville, Fla., for fleet replacement aircrew training. His first sea duty assignment was with HS-15 in Jackson-

ville, where he made three deployments to the Mediterranean Sea aboard USS *Forrestal* (CV 59). During this tour, he was selected as Sailor of the Month, advanced to second class and first petty officer and qualified as an Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist. Betts transferred in March 1992 to the Naval Air Technical Training Center for instructor duty training, then to HS-1 as a Fleet Replacement Squadron Aircrew Instructor. In June 1996, he reported to his current assignment with HS-11 in Jacksonville as Operations Department leading petty officer. He has been named HS-11's Sailor of the Year and Aircrewman of the Year for Commander, Helicopter Wings, Atlantic.

Betts lives in Orange Park, Fla., with his wife, the former Angela Jo Stewart.

Sackey, a native of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, joined the Navy in 1983. He was first assigned aboard USS *Coral Sea* (CV 43) and served as a maintenance technician and plane captain, making two major deployments. After attending and completing Aircrew Candidate School, Sackey reported to Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Md., in April 1988. He was assigned to Air Operations Department as a rescue swimmer. In April 1991, Sackey transferred to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron 8 where he served as an aircrew/rescue swimmer, detachment assistant leading petty officer, Quality Assurance Representative, NATOPS Instructor and Maintenance Control Chief. In March 1994, he transferred to Naval Air Station Oceana's Operations Department, Aircraft Organizational Maintenance Division, where he serves as Maintenance Control Leading Petty Officer, responsible for maintaining the station's two US-3H helicopters and supervising 39 people.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Picks 1997 SOY

Alexandria, Va. (NNS) — Construction Mechanic 1st Class Kevin M. Hughes, of Bellmawr, N.J., is the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NavFac) 1997 Shore Sailor of the Year.

Hughes is assigned to the Mobile

Utilities Support Equipment (MUSE) Department of the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, Calif.

He saved the Navy more than \$100,000 in future operating costs by consolidating diesel engines in MUSE

generators from 18 to 10. He also managed more than \$30 million in contract overhauls and repairs of MUSE generators, and led a team of Army and Navy MUSE technicians to Hong Kong in support of submarine replenishment operations.

JFK CBG deployed

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Sea.

The 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit deployed with the *Kearsarge* ARG.

The JFK CVBG and *Kearsarge* ARG completed a Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) last month, the culmination of about six months of pre-deployment training and work-ups. The joint service exercise included surveillance, rescue, humanitarian assistance, maritime interdiction, embassy

support and non-combatant evacuation operations, all of which have been recently performed by Navy and Marine Corps units deployed overseas.

"Last month, I observed the JFK Battle Group and *Kearsarge* Amphibious Ready Group in action during JTFEX. They are fully prepared to deal with whatever crises they may encounter over the next six months," said VADM Vern Clark, Commander, 2nd Fleet. "We train the way we fight, and today, that means being able to operate

effectively with the other military services and with allied nations. These Sailors and Marines are trained, motivated and ready to respond to any tasking."

Ships included with the JFK CVBG are: USS *Vicksburg* (CG 69), USS *Hue City* (CG 66), USS *Thomas S. Gates* (CG 51), USS *Spruance* (DD 963), USS *John Hancock* (DD 981), USS *Taylor* (FFG 50), USS *Arctic* (AOE 8) and submarines USS *Albany* (SSN 753) and USS *Jacksonville* (SSN 699).

1996 DOD Environmental Security Awards

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The 1996 Environmental Security Awards for excellence and leadership were presented by Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen during a Pentagon ceremony.

Each year the Secretary of Defense Environmental Security Awards recognize installation and team or individual efforts in six categories — natural resource conservation, cultural resource management, environmental quality, pollution prevention, recycling and environmental cleanup. A total of 15 awards — 11 installation and four individual — were presented.

“Our forces today recognize that defense environmental protection is good management, good citizenship, good stewardship and a good way to protect the health and welfare of our forces,” said Secretary Cohen in remarks at the ceremony. “Your successes stand out among the countless actions we take to protect the environment as we protect the nation.”

Navy and Marine Corps recipients included:

For Natural Resources Conservation:

LARGE INSTALLATION — Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton,

Oceanside, Calif.; (honorable mention) Naval Air Station Miramar, San Diego.

SMALL INSTALLATION — Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head, Md.; (honorable mention) Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

INDIVIDUAL — Catherine M. Zielske, Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Norfolk; (honorable mention) Charles D. Peterson, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

For Cultural Resources Management: **INSTALLATION** — (honorable mention) Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif.; (honorable mention) Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md.

INDIVIDUAL — (honorable mention) Stephen R. Wise, Marine DOD announces winners of Commander-in-Chief's Installation Excellence awards Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.; (honorable mention) Ronald N. Johnson, South Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Charleston, S.C.

For Environmental Quality:

INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATION — Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head, Md.; (honorable mention) Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, Calif.

NON-INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATION — (honorable mention) Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.; (honorable mention) National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

INDIVIDUAL — (honorable mention) Susan Gibson, Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; (honorable mention) Patrick F. Spahn, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.; (honorable mention) CDR William R. Arguello, Defense Special Weapons Agency, Albuquerque, N.M.

For Pollution Prevention:

INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATION — (honorable mention) Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, Calif.; (honorable mention) Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash.

NON-INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATION — Fort Lewis, Wash. (honorable mention) Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.; (honorable mention) Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, Calif.

WEAPONS SYSTEM ACQUISITION TEAM — New Attack Submarine Program, Arlington, Va.; (honorable mention) Direct Reporting Program Manager Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle, Woodbridge, Va.

For Recycling:

INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATION — Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, Calif.; (honorable mention) Naval Submarine Base Bangor, ME.

NON-INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATION — (honorable mention) Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.; (honorable mention) Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Va.

INDIVIDUAL — (honorable mention) Timothy J. Harrington, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.; (honorable mention) Frank Space, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.

For Environmental Cleanup:

INSTALLATION — Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego; (honorable mention) Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

1996 DOD Commander-in-Chief's Installation Excellence awards

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen on April 23 announced the winners of the 1997 Commander-in-Chief's Award for Installation Excellence.

They are:

- Naval Station Ingleside, Texas
- Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.
- Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.
- Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas
- Defense Supply Center Richmond, Va.

The Commander-in-Chief's Award for Installation Excellence recognizes the outstanding and innovative efforts of the people who operate and maintain U.S. military installations. The five recipients were selected for their great support of the Department of Defense mission.

Each winning installation succeeded in providing excellent working, housing and recreational conditions.

An award ceremony will be held at the Pentagon May 2.

White House honors Navy outreach

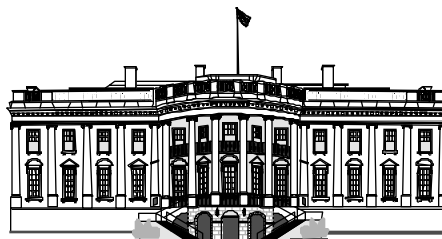
PENSACOLA, Fla. (NNS) — STARBASE-ATLANTIS, a Navy-run DOD educational outreach program was invited to attend the President's Summit for American's Future April 27 - 29 in Philadelphia.

STARBASE-ATLANTIS, one of only two DOD programs invited, gives fourth through sixth grade children and teachers unique opportunities to learn about real world applications of technology through experimental learning, simulations and experiments in aviation and space-related fields.

The program, administered by the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET), Pensacola, Fla., provides mentoring to the students through interaction with Sailors and Marines. Students and teachers spend five days over a five week period at a Navy base working with instructors learning the basic physics associated with flight.

The Summit invited 50 programs that are exemplary in providing five fundamental resources to children and youth:

- An ongoing relationship with a caring adult such as mentoring, tutoring or coaching;
- Safe places and structured activities during non-school hours to learn and grow;
- A healthy start in life emotionally, intellectually and emotionally;
- A marketable skill through effective education; and
- An opportunity to give back through community service.



Patricia Church, National Director of the program at CNET said, "We are thrilled to be given this opportunity to share with America's leaders the tremendous impact of Department of Defense STARBASE pro-

grams in shaping the future of thousands of America's youth."

STARBASE-ATLANTIS and the STARBASE-ROBBINS Program, a similar program administered at Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, Ga., received the invitation jointly. Two delegates, one from each program, attended the summit as a team with a display set up at the Philadelphia Convention Center. The team answered questions and served as a teaching example to delegates from 140 communities around the country.

Navy's new F-14 camera sends "real time" shots

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Navy demonstrated its newest high-tech aircraft camera, the Tactical Air Reconnaissance Pod System-Digital Imagery (TARPS-DI), April 23 for DOD officials in Washington.

In the demonstration, two F-14's from NAS Oceana flew over and photographed the Pentagon, and transmitted digital images of the "target" directly to a computer in an HUMVEE in the Pentagon parking lot.

In the fleet, TARPS-DI will send images to the flagship, ground force commanders ashore, and other ships supporting an operation.

The test showed the speed with which the system will give force commanders "real time" pictures of significant targets, explained CAPT Chuck Nash, Senior Requirements Officer for the F-14 TARPS-DI program.

The old TARPS systems used highly sophisticated film cameras. But, just like aerial reconnaissance as far back as World War I, the aircraft had to fly home and the film processed in a photo lab before anyone could see the pictures.

"The new system will [positively] affect the PHs and ISs, and even the Sailor who shoots the Tomahawk Cruise missile," said LT Scott Raveling, the F-14 Operational Test Director.

One of the principal uses for TARPS-DI will be to locate and identify hostile targets so they can be quickly neutralized by aircraft, cruise missile or naval gunfire strikes.

The Navy plans to build 24 pods by 2003 at a cost of between \$6-8 million.

Notable Quotable

"When you have that kind of (all volunteers) force it's wonderful, but it also carries with it an obligation to take care of people, and we understand that very seriously. We do the best we can, and I think we're making great strides. People are number one...as they should be."

— Chief of Naval Operations ADM Jay Johnson

THIS WEEK IN NAVY HISTORY

May 4, 1917— The first U.S. destroyer squadron arrived in Queenstown, Ireland, to help the British in escorting convoys. When asked by the English admiral when his ships would be prepared for duty, CDR Joseph K. Taussig replied, in a manner characteristic of "tin can" Sailors, "We will be ready when fueled, sir."

Sailors save \$10.5 million using ELF

LT Tony F. De Alicante, Office of the Judge Advocate General

WASHINGTON (NNS) — By the end of the day April 15, the Navy's team of tax preparers had electronically transmitted 81,000 federal tax returns, prepared another 27,000 federal tax returns for mailing and almost 27,000 state tax returns.

These figures represent a 70 percent increase over 1996, previously the Navy's best year ever.

With 119 shore and afloat sites this year, the Navy's Electronic Tax Filing (ELF) program has grown nearly 800 percent in three short years to become the largest, broadest network of tax assistance sites within the armed forces. Sailors worldwide embraced the program as one of the best Quality of Life (QOL) programs to come along in years.

The Judge Advocate General, RADM H. E. "Rick" Grant agreed.

"The electronic tax filing program has been one of our greatest successes. No QOL initiative has grown as quickly or been so universally praised from the deckplates to the Pentagon E-ring. This program demonstrates the tremendous impact we can have on the morale and welfare of our people when we combine technology, vision, hard work and Sailors dedicated to taking care of each other."

While most tax centers were staffed with permanently-assigned or TAD personnel, the program could never have served so many Sailors without the contributions of other Sailors, retirees and dependents who volunteered in their free time to help others.

The tax representatives, who worked under the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, expedited more than \$85 million in federal and state tax refunds, and provided tax services valued in excess of \$10.5 million. Sailors who worked as VITA representatives said that they enjoyed helping shipmates with their taxes and most plan on helping out again next year.

The Office of the Judge Advocate General expects the program to build on this year's experience to be even bigger and better next year.

Although overseas offices will continue offering tax assistance into June,

most domestic ELF sites wrapped up on April 15. While most stateside tax centers have secured operations, tax advice and assistance (other than preparation) are available to Sailors at Legal Assistance Offices year-round.

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